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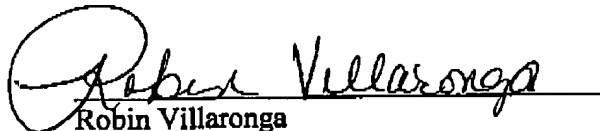
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the office action dated April 29, 2004, please amend the above identified application as follows:

In the claims, cancel claims 5-28, without prejudice.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-4 of Group I.A are now in this case and have been elected in response to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121. Claims 5-28 are being canceled without prejudice, and the applicant reserves the right to prosecute the canceled claims in subsequently filed divisional applications.